

thorized purposes, except lands used for cemetery purposes and lands used for supplying water under the laws of this State; defining certain purposes for which property may be condemned by such districts, including the condemnation of materials to be used for any lawful purposes of water improvement districts; providing for the institution of condemnation proceedings, the procedure relative thereto, and the assessing and payment of damages for property taken; providing for the determination of disputes or adverse or conflicting claims concerning titles to property sought to be condemned, and the damages thereto; providing that no delay in such determination, nor any appeal, shall cause a suspension of work; providing that the omission of any person owning an interest in property from such proceedings, or a failure of such person to receive notice thereof, shall not affect such proceedings as to any person not omitted who has received such notice; providing a method of condemnation when any such district is sued for property occupied by it for damages thereto; and providing that this act is cumulative of other laws upon the same subject, and creating an emergency."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

BOUNDS, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1930.

Hon. W. S. Barron, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 9, Relative to thanks of the State to a certain committee,

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

BOUNDS, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 11, 1930.

Hon. W. S. Barron, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 91, "An Act to amend Chapter 119, Section 1e, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature, providing a size limit on speckled sea trout, redfish, drum, flounder and sheephead, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

BOUNDS, Vice-Chairman.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

(Continued.)

(Wednesday, March 12, 1930.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Speaker Barron.

COMMUNICATION FROM MRS. N. R. STRONG.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following communication:

Slocum, Texas, March 7, 1930.

To the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas.

My Dear Friends: Words are inadequate in expressing my gratitude to you for love and sympathy shown me in my great sorrow. These manifestations lighten the burden and encourage me to "carry on."

May God in His love and mercy be and abide with each of you and yours is my prayer.

Sincerely yours,
MRS. N. R. STRONG.

COMMUNICATION FROM MRS. R. B. EWING.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following communication:

Gallipolis, Ohio, March 4, 1930.

Dear Mr. Barron:

Please express to the House of Representatives our sincere thanks and appreciation for the beautiful tributes to Mr. Ewing's memory and the resolution sent us. The burning of the white light on the voting machine was a sweet thought to us.

The many beautiful flowers and other evidences show us the high esteem in which he was held by friends and co-workers. He was laid to rest in a sacred spot on a high hill overlooking the Ohio River.

Sincerely yours,
MRS. R. B. EWING,
And Family.

COMMUNICATION FROM MR. AND MRS. CHARLES KRAMER.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following communication:

Your kind expression of sympathy is

deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES
KRAMER,
DOROTHY KRAMER.

CONGRATULATING CITIZENS OF WACO.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 7, Congratulating citizens of Waco for completion of "Lake Waco."

Whereas, The final touches are now being completed in the construction of the great dam a few miles from the city of Waco, and the flow of the Bosque River is being stopped and what is to be known as "Lake Waco" is being filled with water, which lake when filled will impound millions of gallons of water and provide for future generations not only an adequate water supply, but a pleasure lake covering hundreds of acres in a setting of hills as beautiful as Texas affords; all this at an expense of millions of dollars: therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That the progressive and patriotic citizenship of Waco and its vicinity be congratulated on the successful completion of this great enterprise, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary of the Senate to the Board of Water Commissioners of Waco.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

HOUSE BILL NO. 15 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Holder, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 15, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7047, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1925, providing for the levy of occupation taxes on and collection from persons, firms, associations and companies pursuing the several occupations enumerated herein; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; providing that if any subdivision or part of this act may be declared invalid for any reason it shall not affect any other section, subdivision or part of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and it was read second time.

(Mr. Bond in the chair.)

Mr. Holder offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 15 by changing lines 13, 14 and 15, page 3, to read as follows: "And also provided that this act shall not apply to the representatives of manufacturers and wholesalers distributing their own products to retailers, nor to the motor or other vehicles used by such representatives in so distributing their said products."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DeWolfe offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 15 by striking out Section 20 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 20. There shall be collected from the owner, proprietor or operator of every opera house, theatre, tent, airdome or other structure whose theatrical or dramatic presentations, musical comedy shows, moving pictures or other entertainments or exhibitions are given for profit in cities, towns, and villages under 1000 inhabitants, an annual tax of \$5.00; in towns and cities of 1000 inhabitants and under 2500 inhabitants, an annual tax of \$15.00; in towns and cities of 2500 inhabitants and under 5000 inhabitants, an annual tax of \$20.00; in towns and cities of 5000 inhabitants and under 10,000 inhabitants, an annual tax of \$30.00; in towns and cities of 10,000 inhabitants and under 15,000 inhabitants, an annual tax of \$30.00; in towns and cities of 15,000 and under 20,000, an annual tax of \$40.00; in towns and cities of 20,000 inhabitants and under 30,000 inhabitants, an annual tax of \$50.00; in towns and cities of 30,000 inhabitants and under 40,000 inhabitants, an annual tax of \$60.00; in towns and cities of 40,000 or more an annual tax of \$75.00. In each case the population shall be determined by the last preceding Federal census.

"Section 20a. Said annual tax shall be collected from the owner, proprietor of every opera house, theatre, tent, airdome, or other structure where theatrical or dramatic presentations, musical comedy shows, moving pictures or other amusements, entertainments or exhibitions are given for private profit in such cities, towns or villages of the sizes aforesaid; provided further if any opera house, theatre, tent, airdome or other such structure is transported from place to place, and is used in the manner and for the purposes herein set out in more than one city, town or village, only one annual occupation tax shall be collected

from the owner, proprietor or operator of said opera house, theatre, tent, air-dome or other structure, as set out in Section 1 hereof; provided that in addition to the State occupation tax herein imposed, counties, incorporated cities, towns and villages shall each have the power and authority to collect one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the amount of such State occupation tax."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Graves of Erath offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 15, page 1, Section 1, paragraph 2, by adding on page 2 the following: "Provided no medicine peddler will be required to pay a second peddlers' tax, provided he has paid a medicine peddler's tax for the fiscal year."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Pope of Jones offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 15, page 1, Section 1, by adding at the end of Section 1 the following: "And no itinerant merchant shall begin selling goods until said tax for month or more is so paid."

The amendment was adopted.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Kincaid offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 15 by striking out Section 7.

Mr. Kennedy offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 15 by striking out the enacting clause.

Mr. Woodruff moved the previous question on the pending amendments and the bill and the main question was ordered.

(Pending consideration of the amendments, Mr. DeWolfe occupied the chair temporarily.)

(Speaker in the chair.)

Question first recurring on the amendment by Mr. Kennedy, yeas and nays were demanded.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—38.

Allred.	Hines.
Anderson.	Hopkins.
Bond.	Hubbard.
Bounds.	Jenkins.
Bradley.	Justiss.
Brooks.	Keller.
Chastain.	Kemble.
Cox of Limestone.	Kennedy.
Farrar.	King.
Finlay.	Land.
Fuchs.	Long of Wichita.
Hardy.	Loy.

Mankin.	Rountree.
Mauritz.	Stevenson.
Maynard.	Storey.
Mullally.	Terrell.
Palmer.	Walters.
Pavlica.	Webb.
Pope of Nueces.	Woodruff.

Nays—63.

Mr. Speaker.	Magee.
Acker.	Marks.
Ackerman.	Martin.
Adkins.	McCombs.
Baker.	McGill.
Barnett.	Metcalf.
Carpenter.	Minor.
Coltrin.	Moore.
Conway.	Morse.
Cox of Lamar.	Murphy.
Davis.	Negley.
DeWolfe.	Pool.
Dunlap.	Pope of Jones.
Enderby.	Purl.
Eickenroht.	Quinn.
Finn.	Ray.
Forbes.	Reader.
Gilbert.	Renfro.
Giles.	Richardson.
Graves of Erath.	Riley.
Harding.	Rogers.
Harper.	Sanders.
Harrison.	Savage.
Heaton.	Shaver.
Hogg.	Shelton.
Holder.	Sherrill.
Hornaday.	Simmons.
Johnson	Sinks.
of Dallam.	Snelgrove.
Johnson	Speck.
of Dimmit.	Tillotson.
Kincaid.	Van Zandt.
Kinnear.	West.
Lemens.	

Present—Not Voting.

Brice.	Jones.
Graves	Stephens.
of Williamson.	Wallace.
Johnson of Smith.	

Absent.

Avis.	Montgomery.
Baldwin.	Nicholson.
Bateman.	Olsen.
Beck.	O'Neill.
Duvall.	Patterson.
Gates.	Petsch.
Harman.	Prendergast.
Hefley.	Reid.
Johnson of Scurry.	Tarwater.
Keeton.	Turner.
Lee.	Waddell.
Long of Houston.	Warwick.
McDonald.	Westbrook.
Mehl.	Wiggs.

Williams of Travis.	Young.
Absent—Excused.	
Albritton.	Veatch.
Kayton.	Williams
Kenyon.	of Sabine.
McKean.	Williams
Mosely.	of Hardin.
Thompson.	

Question then recurring on the amendment by Mr. Kincaid, it was adopted.

Question recurring on the engrossment of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

House bill No. 15 was then passed to engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas—52.

Mr. Speaker.	Johnson of Smith.
Ackerman.	Kincaid.
Adkins.	Kinnear.
Baker.	Lemens.
Barnett.	Magee.
Bradley.	Marks.
Carpenter.	Martin.
Coltrin.	McGill.
Conway.	Minor.
Cox of Lamar.	Moore.
Davis.	Murphy.
DeWolfe.	Negley.
Dunlap.	Pool.
Finn.	Pope of Jones.
Forbes.	Quinn.
Fuchs.	Renfro.
Gilbert.	Richardson.
Giles.	Riley.
Graves of Erath.	Rogers.
Harper.	Sanders.
Hogg.	Savage.
Holder.	Shelton.
Hubbard.	Sinks.
Jenkins.	Tillotson.
Johnson	Van Zandt.
of Dallam.	West.
Johnson	
of Dimmit.	

Nays—46.

Acker.	Harding.
Allred.	Heaton.
Anderson.	Hines.
Beck.	Hopkins.
Bond.	Justiss.
Bounds.	Keeton.
Brice.	Kemble.
Brooks.	Kennedy.
Chastain.	King.
Cox of Limestone.	Land.
Enderby.	Loy.
Farrar.	Mankin.
Finlay.	Maynard.
Graves	McCombs.
of Williamson.	Morse.
Hardy.	Mullally.

Palmer.	Simmons.
Pavlica.	Snelgrove.
Pope of Nueces.	Speck.
Purl.	Storey.
Ray.	Terrell.
Rountree.	Walters.
Shaver.	Webb.
Sherrill.	

Present—Not Voting.

Harrison.	Stephens.
Metcalf.	Stevenson.

Absent.

Avis.	Nicholson.
Baldwin.	Olsen.
Bateman.	O'Neill.
Duvall.	Patterson.
Eickenroht.	Petsch.
Gates.	Prendergast.
Harman.	Reader.
Hefley.	Reid.
Hornaday.	Tarwater.
Johnson of Scurry.	Turner.
Jones.	Waddell.
Keller.	Wallace.
Lee.	Warwick.
Long of Houston.	Westbrook.
Long of Wichita.	Wiggs.
Mauritz.	Williams
McDonald.	of Travis.
Mehl.	Woodruff.
Montgomery.	Young.

Absent—Excused.

Albritton.	Veatch.
Kayton.	Williams
Kenyon.	of Sabine.
McKean.	Williams
Mosely.	of Hardin.
Thompson.	

Mr. Holder moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 12, 1930.

Hon. W. S. Barron, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed:

S. C. R. No. 9, Requesting the Governor to submit question of "Providing protection against the hazards of fire in motion picture theatres."

S. B. No. 41, A bill to be entitled "An Act legalizing, approving and validating improvement bonds of levee im-

provement districts created under authority of Section 59, Article 16, Constitution, and levy of taxes in payment thereof, where such bonds have been approved by the Attorney General, registered by the State Comptroller, and thereafter sold and delivered; enacting provisions incident and necessary to the subject and purpose of this act, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 84a of Chapter 25, of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-ninth Legislature at its Regular Session in 1925, as amended by Chapter 82, Acts of the First Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature, so as to authorize such district to declare an emergency in certain cases and under certain limitations and to issue interim bonds in evidence of such emergency loans, and to pledge taxes and bonds of the district to secure payment of such emergency loans evidenced by such interim bonds; and further to provide that this act, when adopted, shall apply to water control and improvement districts, water improvement districts, levee improvement districts, drainage districts, and all other districts created under the provision of the Section 59 of Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

MORRIS C. HANKINS,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 12, 1930.

Hon. W. S. Barron, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed:

H. B. No. 32, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend House bill No. 6, Chapter 88, page 172, Acts of the Forty-First Legislature, Second Called Session, by adding under Section 1 subsection O, defining 'farm trailer'; by adding subsection P, defining 'farm semi-trailer'; by adding subsection Q, defining the phrase 'operated or moved temporarily upon the highways' and by including under Section 2 certain 'farm trailers' and 'farm semi-trailers' with other vehicles exempted from license and registration fees, and creating an emergency," with amendment.

Respectfully,

MORRIS C. HANKINS,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 98 ON PASSAGE TO ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as unfinished business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 98, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 3 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Second Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature relating to the purchase for the State of Texas of property around the Alamo in San Antonio; prescribing what lands shall be purchased in the block surrounding the Alamo; fixing the maximum amount that may be expended in the purchase of said property, and authorizing the purchase of same on deferred payments, and declaring an emergency."

The bill having been read second time on yesterday.

Mr. DeWolfe raised the following point of order:

I raise the point of order on House bill No. 98 that it violates Article III, Section 49, which says:

"Sec. 49. Purposes for Which Debts May Be Created.—No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war or pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in the revenue shall never exceed in the aggregate at any one time two hundred thousand dollars."

(Pending consideration of the point of order, Mr. McGill occupied the chair temporarily.)

(Speaker in the chair.)

The Speaker declined to rule on the point of order, stating that he would submit the question to the House for its decision.

The House sustained the point of order by the following vote:

Yeas—65.

Acker.	Forbes.
Ackerman.	Fuchs.
Adkins.	Gilbert.
Barnett.	Giles.
Bond.	Graves
Bounds.	of Williamson.
Brice.	Hardy.
Brooks.	Harrison.
Carpenter.	Heaton.
Chastain.	Hines.
Coltrin.	Jenkins.
Conway.	Johnson
Cox of Limestone.	of Dallam.
DeWolfe.	Johnson of Smith.
Farrar.	Keeton.
Finlay.	Kennedy.

Kincaid.	Rogers.
King.	Rountree.
Kinnear.	Savage.
Lemens.	Sherrill.
Loy.	Snelgrove.
Mankin.	Speck.
Marks.	Stephens.
Mauritz.	Storey.
Maynard.	Tarwater.
McGill.	Tillotson.
Moore.	Walters.
Mullally.	Warwick.
Pavlica.	Webb.
Petsch.	West.
Pope of Jones.	Westbrook.
Ray.	Wiggs.
Richardson.	Woodruff.
Riley.	

Nays—42.

Mr. Speaker.	McCombs.
Anderson.	McDonald.
Baker.	Mehl.
Beck.	Metcalf.
Bradley.	Minor.
Cox of Lamar.	Morse.
Harding.	Negley.
Harper.	Olsen.
Hogg.	Palmer.
Holder.	Pool.
Hopkins.	Pope of Nueces.
Hubbard.	Purl.
Jones.	Quinn.
Johnson	Reader.
of Dimmit.	Sanders.
Justiss.	Shaver.
Kayton.	Shelton.
Keller.	Simmons.
Kemble.	Sinks.
Land.	Stevenson.
Magee.	Wallace.
Martin.	

Present—Not Voting.

Enderby.

Absent.

Allred.	Long of Wichita.
Avis.	Montgomery.
Baldwin.	Murphy.
Bateman.	Nicholson.
Davis.	O'Neill.
Dunlap.	Patterson.
Duvall.	Prendergast.
Eickenroht.	Reid.
Finn.	Renfro.
Gates.	Terrell.
Graves of Erath.	Turner.
Harman.	Van Zandt.
Hefley.	Waddell.
Hornaday.	Williams
Johnson of Scurry.	of Travis.
Lee.	Young.
Long of Houston.	

Absent—Excused.

Albritton. Kenyon.

McKean.	Williams
Mosely.	of Sabine.
Thompson.	Williams
Veatch.	of Hardin.

Mr. Maynard moved to reconsider the vote by which the House sustained the point of order, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Riley, House bill No. 134 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Dimmit, Senate bill No. 64 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Quinn, Senate bill No. 68 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Jones, Senate bill No. 56 was ordered not printed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 12, 1930.

Hon. W. S. Barron, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed:

H. B. No. 38, A bill to be entitled "An Act to add to the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas for 1925 a new article to be known as Article 7047a, to provide for an occupation tax on the business or occupation of owning, operating, manufacturing, or controlling exchanges which furnish quotations on the stock market on certain commodities, or stocks and bonds; providing said act shall not apply to certain persons, firms, corporations, or associations of persons, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

Respectfully,

MORRIS C. HANKINS,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

SENATE BILL ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bill, received from the Senate today, was laid before the House, read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee, as follows:

Senate bill No. 55, to the Committee on Conservation and Reclamation.

INVITING HOUSE TO ATTEND MEMORIAL SERVICES.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following invitation:

Whereas, The remains of Robert McAlpine Williamson are to be removed

from their resting place in Wharton county to be reinterred in the State Cemetery at Austin, the date set for reinterment being Thursday, March 13, A. D. 1930; and

Whereas, It is desired to hold memorial services in the Senate Chamber at 4 p. m. on said day; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas, That the Senate adjourn at 4 p. m. on said Thursday, in respect to his memory and that the Senate hold memorial services in respect to his memory in the Senate Chamber; be it further

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be advised of these services and that it be invited to attend in a body.

CHARLES S. GAINER.

The House accepted the invitation.

SPECIAL ORDER SET.

On motion of Mr. Pope of Nueces, House bill No. 40 was set as a special order, to be considered at the conclusion of the Senate calendar.

Mr. Purl asked unanimous consent of the House that House bill No. 73 be taken up when House bill No. 40 has been disposed of.

There was no objection offered.

TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES IN REGARD TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2.

Mr. Morse offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The differences between the House and Senate on House bill No. 2, the sulphur tax, are now being considered by a conference committee; and

Whereas, It is reported that the committees of the two houses are unable to agree as to the amount of tax, the Senate conferees being for a 50 cent tax, and the House conferees being for a \$1.00 tax; and

Whereas, A continuance of this stand on the part of the conferees will result in the State losing approximately \$500,000.00 between this time and the Regular Session of the Forty-second Legislature; and

Whereas, The State of Texas is badly in need of funds for the support of summer schools and other necessities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the conferees on the part of the House be instructed to use their best efforts for a higher amount than 50

cents in the conference report, failing in which they are instructed to return a report providing for a 50 cent tax rather than no tax at all.

Signed—Storey, Purl, Harman, Snelgrove, Morse, Kemble, Carpenter, Hopkins, Justiss, Kincaid, Pavlica, Harrison.

The resolution was read second time.

Question—Shall the resolution be adopted?

EXTENDING THANKS TO COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO STATE SONG.

Mr. Johnson of Dimmit offered the following resolution:

H. C. R. No. 10, Extending thanks to State Song Committee.

Whereas, By former authorization of the Legislature a committee was appointed to direct the selection of a State song, composed of Senators Margie Neal, Julian P. Greer, W. D. McFarlane, and Representatives E. D. Dunlap, George Purl, M. H. Hagaman, and J. C. Duvall; and

Whereas, They with others spent much labor and time in the performance of their duties resulting in the final selection of "Texas Our Texas" by Mr. William J. Marsh of Tarrant county, Texas, and Mrs. Gladys Youkum Wright of Travis county, Texas; said song was ably and appropriately dedicated in the Hall of the House of Representatives on the evening of March 11, 1930; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-first Legislature, the Senate concurring, That we express to the above committee and to the authors of said song and to all others who directly and indirectly assisted in the selection and dedication of said song our deepest and most sincere thanks and appreciation for the unselfish and patriotic services so ably rendered, and further we express our opinion that said song will in fact and not in name only become the State Song of Texas.

Signed—Johnson of Dimmit, Sanders.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. Pat Dougherty, Secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and being announced, presented the following message from the Governor, which was read to the House, as follows:

Executive Office,
March 12, 1930.

To the Members of the Forty-first Legislature:

The following subjects are submitted for your consideration:

(1) The amendment of Section 1, Chapter 10, Acts of the Third Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature, to correct defects therein.

(2) The amendment of Senate bill No. 138, passed by the Second Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature, to correct errors therein.

(3) The amendment of Chapter 274, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature.

(4) The amendment of Article 1302, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925.

(5) The enactment of statutes giving the Insurance Commission added powers in the control of fire hazards.

(6) The subject of enacting laws designed to relieve the present distressed condition of agriculture in this State is submitted for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) DAN MOODY,
Governor.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Hornaday:

H. B. No. 136, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting the consent of the Legislature of the State of Texas to O. F. Whittle, of Miami, Florida, and Lester G. Seymour, of Kenton, Ohio, their heirs and assigns, to construct, maintain and operate a toll bridge and causeway across the bay known as and called Laguna Madre, in Cameron county, Texas, from Point Isabel, Texas, to Padre Island, subject to the provisions of an Act of Congress of the United States entitled 'An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters,' approved March 23, 1906, and granting the right to sell, transfer and

mortgage all the rights, powers and privileges conferred by this act to said O. F. Whittle and Lester G. Seymour, their heirs and assigns, and providing that any corporation to which or any person to whom such rights, powers and privileges may be sold, assigned or transferred, or who shall acquire the same by mortgage, foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation or person."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Hogg, Mr. Sanders and Mr. Mauritz:

H. B. No. 137, A bill to be entitled "An Act to levy an occupation tax upon persons engaged in the business of owning, operating, leasing or renting pipe line or pipe lines for the transportation of oil within the State of Texas; defining 'oil' and 'persons'; providing methods of computing such tax to be paid; providing for reports and records; providing for interest on delinquent taxes, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Minor:

H. B. No. 138, A bill to be entitled "An Act designating the historical collection of the North Texas State Teachers College, consisting of books, documents, stamps, coins, firearms, implements of warfare, relics, heirlooms and various and sundry other things and collection of historical importance, a State historical collection, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Anderson moved that the House adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, March 12.

Mr. Harding moved that the House recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

The motion of Mr. Anderson prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 12:10 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m., Wednesday, March 12.

In Memory
of
Hon. William Howard Taft

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 8, In memory of Hon. William Howard Taft.

Whereas, In the passing of William Howard Taft, there was removed from the activities of this life one of the most unique and best loved men in our national history; and

Whereas, His long and distinguished service to his country was marked not only with surpassing intellect in putting into effect the things he undertook to do, but with a fineness of character not exceeded by any man of his generation; and

Whereas, The Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, Desires to record here their tribute to his memory, and to join the nation in mourning his departure; therefore, be it

Resolved by said Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That this resolution be printed in the Journals of said bodies and that a copy of same be mailed to Mrs. Taft.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted by a rising vote.